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In response to the reconsideration for foreign priority dated 12/16/05, the applicant argues that the filing date of application was not filed more than 12 months after the filing of Japanese application JP 2000-288407 since the filing date of the application occurred on a Saturday. The examiner agrees with the arguments and is granting the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d) based upon the Japanese application JP 2000-288407 filed 9/22/00.

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